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Applicant : Gilder et al.
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Title : SAFETY RAZORS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This application is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 09/107,765, filed June 30, 1998, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/604,976, filed May 17, 1996, which is a 371 of PCT/US94/10717, filed September 22, 1994. --

In the claims:

Cancel claims 2 and 5.

Amend claim 1, 3 and 12 as follows:

1.(Amended) A safety razor blade unit comprising a guard, a cap, and a group of first, second, and third blades with parallel sharpened edges located between the guard and cap, the first blade defining a blade edge nearest the guard having a negative exposure not less than

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-0.2mm, and the third blade defining a blade edge nearest the cap having a positive exposure of not greater than +0.2mm.

3. (Amended) A safety razor blade unit according to claim 1, wherein a span between the first blade edge and the guard is in the range of 0.5mm to 1.5mm.

12. (Amended) A safety razor blade unit according to claim 1 wherein a span between the first blade edge and the guard is substantially smaller than the span between the edges of the first and second blades and a span between the edges of the second and third blades.

In the abstract:

Replace the abstract with the following version.

-- A safety razor blade unit including a guard, a cap, and a group of first, second, and third blades with parallel sharpened edges located between the guard and cap, the first blade defining a blade edge nearest the guard having a negative exposure not less than - 0.2 mm, and the third blade defines a blade edge nearest the cap having a positive exposure not greater than +0.2mm. --

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REMARKS

Attached is a marked-up version of the changes being made by the current amendment.

Applicant asks that all claims be examined. Please apply any other charges or credits to
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Respectfully submitted,

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Paragraph beginning at page 1, line 2 has been amended as follows:

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In the claims:

Claims 2 and 5 have been cancelled.

Claim 1, 3 and 12 have been amended as follows:

1.(Amended) A safety razor blade unit comprising a guard, a cap, and a group of first, second, and third blades with parallel sharpened edges located between the guard and cap, the first blade defining [the] a blade edge nearest the guard having a negative [an] exposure not [greater than zero] less than -0.2mm, and the third blade defining a [the] blade edge nearest the cap having a positive [an] exposure of not greater than +0.2mm [less than zero].

3. (Amended) A safety razor blade unit according to claim 1 [2], wherein a [the] span between the first blade edge and the guard is in the range of 0.5mm to 1.5mm.

12. (Amended) A safety razor blade unit according to claim 1 [any of claims 1 to 11] wherein a [the] span between the first blade edge and the guard is substantially smaller than the span between the edges of the first and second blades and a span between the edges of the second and third blades.